AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1.-66. Canceled.
- 67. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from:

N-(2-Aminoethyl)-3-phenyl-2(R)-[2-(1,1,4-trioxo-2,3-dihydro-

[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)-acetylamino]propionamide;

N [1(R) (3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (2 oxo 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin 1 yl)propionamide;

3 (3 Acetylamino 2 oxo 2,3,4,5 tetrahydro benzo[b]azepin 1 yl) N [1(R) (2 amino ethylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl]propionamide;

N [1(R) (2 Aminoethylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6 oxo 11,12-dihydro-6H dibenzo[b,f]azocin 5 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3-Amino-propylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 3 (6-oxo-11,12-dihydro-6H-dibenzo[b,f]azocin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(4-Aminobutylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)-acetylamino]propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(11-oxo-11H-dibenzo[b,f][1,4]oxazepin-10-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3-Aminopropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 3 (5,11-dioxo 2,3-dihydro-1H (11aS) pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepin 10-yl)propionamide; N-[1(R) (3-Aminopropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 3 (6-methoxy 2-

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5] benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

oxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo[b]azepin-1-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (4 Aminobutylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (4 methyl 2,5 dioxo 2,3,4,5 tetrahydro benzo[e][1,4]diazepin 1 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (2 Aminoethylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (3 oxo 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]oxazin 4 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 3 (3 oxo 2,3-dihydro benzo[1,4]oxazin 4-yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (2 oxo 3,4,5,6 tetrahydro 2H benzo[b]azocin 1 yl)propionamide;

N-(2-Amino-2-methylpropyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2(R)-[3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)-propionylamino]propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-4-oxo-2,3- dihydro[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3 Aminopropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 4 (6 oxo 11,12 dihydro 6H dibenzo[b,f]azocin 5 yl)butyramide;

N [1(R) (3 Aminopropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 4 (3 oxo 2,3-dihydro-benzo[1,4]thiazin 4-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Methylamino-propylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Methylamino-propylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-(1(R)-[(3-Aminopropyl)-methylcarbamoyl]-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-(4-oxo-2,3- dihydro-[1,5] benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2(R)-[3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)-propionylamino]propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(2-Amino-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro- [1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-(1(R)-[Bis-(3-aminopropyl)carbamoyl]-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl)-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-propylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(1,1,4-trioxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(11-oxo-11H-

dibenzo[b,f][1,4]oxazepin-10-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R) (3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl] 3-phenothiazin-10-yl-propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3 Amino-2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen-2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6-oxo-11,12 dihydro-6H dibenzo[b,f]azocin-5 yl)propionamide;

N (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropyl) 2(R) [3 (6 methoxy 2 oxo 2,3,4,5 tetrahydrobenzo[blazepin 1 yl)propionylamino] 3 (naphthalen 2 yl)propionamide;

N (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropyl) 3 (naphthalen 2 yl)2(R) [3 (2 oxo 2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-benzo [b]azepin 1 yl)propionylamino|propionamide;

N-(3-Amino 2 hydroxypropyl) 3 (naphthalen 2-yl) 2(R) [3 (2 oxo 3,4,5,6-tetrahydro 2H benzo [b]azocin 1-yl)propionylamino|propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-5-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)pentanamide;

N-[1(R)-(2-aminoethylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-5-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5] benzothiazepin-5-yl)pentanamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]-benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]-benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(11-oxo-11H-dibenzo[b,f][1,4]oxazepin-10-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(1,4-dioxo-2,3-dihydro- [1,5] benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]-benzoxazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(2-methyl-4-oxo -2,3-dihydro[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(7<u>8</u>-fluoro-4-oxo-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (5,11 dioxo 2,3 dihydro 1H,(11aS) pyrrolo[2,1 c][1,4]diazepin 10 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (phenothiazin 10 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 4 (6 methoxy 2 oxo 2,3,4,5 tetrahydro benzo[b]azepin 1 yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R)-(2-Aminoethylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalene-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(8-fluoro-4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropyl)-3-(naphthalene-2-yl)-2(R)-[3-(4-oxo-7-trifluoromethyl-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-l)propionylamino]propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]-benzoxazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropyl)-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)-2(R)-[3-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]-benzoxazepin-5-yl)propionylamino]propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(8-fluoro-4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropyl)-2(R)-[3-(8-fluoro-4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-

[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionylamino]-3-(naphthalen-2-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(8-fluoro-4-oxo-[1,5]-benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R) (3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6-oxo-6,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,e]azepin 5 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6 oxo 6,11 dihydro dibenzo[b,e] azepin 5 yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (2 Aminoethylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6,11-dioxo 6,11-dioxo 6,11-dioxo dibenzo[b,e]azepin 5 yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6,11 dioxo-6,11 dihydro-dibenzo[b,e]azepin 5 yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3-Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3-(6,11 dioxo 6,11 dihydro dibenzo [b,e] azepin 5 yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 5 (6 oxo 6H-dibenzo[b,f]azocin 5-yl)pentanamide;

N-[1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 5 (6 oxo 6H dibenzo[b,f]azocin 5 yl)pentanamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(11-oxo-11H-dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-10-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(11-oxo-11H- dibenzo[b,f][1,4]-thiazepin-10-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-5-(5,11-dioxo-5,11-dihydrodibenzo-[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-10-yl)pentanamide;
N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-5-(5,5,11-trioxo-5,11-dihydro-dibenzo[b,f][1,4]thiazepin-10-yl)pentanamide;
N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(2,2-

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (7 chloro 5,11 dioxo 2,3,11,11a tetrahydro 1H,5H benzo[e]pyrrolo[1,2 a][1,4]diazepine 10 yl)propionamide;

dimethyl-4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,5]thiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 3 (6,12 dioxo 6,6a,7,8,9,10 hexahydro 12H benzo[e]pyrido[1,2 a][1,4]diazepine 5 yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3-Amino 2-hydroxypropylearbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2-yl)ethyl] 3 (9fluoro 2 oxo 3,4,5,6 tetrahydro 2H-benzo[b]azocin 1 yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(3-Aminopropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-2-methyl-3-(4oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,5]-thiazepin-5-yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-2methyl-3-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[1,5]thiazepin-5-yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(3-amino-2(S)-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-4-(4oxo-3,4-dihydro-[1,5]-benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide; N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 2 methyl-3 (5,11 dioxo-2,3,11,11a tetrahydro-1H,5H-benzo[e]pyrrolo[1,2al[1,4]diazepine 10-yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(3-amino-2(R)-hydroxy-propylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyll-4-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydro-[1,5]-benzothiazepin-5-yl) butanamide; N [1(R) (3 Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen 2 yl)ethyl] 2,2 dimethyl 3 (5,11 dioxo 2,3,11,11a tetrahydro 1H,5H-benzo[e]pyrrolo[1,2 a][1,4]diazepine 10 yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-2,2dimethyl-3-(1,1,4-trioxo-benzo-[1,5]thiazepin-5-yl)propionamide; N-[1(R)-(2-Amino-ethylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-2-methyl-3-(4-oxo-

3,4-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R)-(3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2-(naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3-(4-oxo-3,4-dihydro[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide;

N-[1(R) (3-Amino-2-hydroxypropylcarbamoyl)-2 (naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl]-3 (3-cyano-5-isopropyl-2-oxo-2H-cyclohepta-4,6,8-trieno[b]pyrrol-1-yl)propionamide;

N-[1(R) (3-Amino 2 hydroxypropylcarbamoyl) 2 (naphthalen-2-yl)ethyl] 3-

(5,11-dioxo-2,3, 11,11a-tetrahydro-1H,5H-benzo[e]pyrrolo[1,2-a][1,4]diazepin-

10 yl)propionamide; and

N-[1(R)-[2-Hydroxy-3-(2(R)-hydroxypropylamino)propylcarbamoyl]-2-naphthalen-2-yl-ethyl]-4-(4-oxo-2,3-dihydro-[1,5]benzothiazepin-5-yl)butyramide.

- 68. (Previously Presented) A composition which comprises an inert carrier and a compound according to claim 85.
- 69. (Currently Amended) A composition which comprises an inert carrier, a compound according to claim 85 and at least one of the following components: a growth hormone secretagogues selected from KP-102(GHRP-2),GHRP-6, Hexarelin, and GHRP-1,

a growth hormone releasing factor (GRF) selected from IGF-1, IGF-2 and B-HT920, and a growth hormone.

70. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing levels of endogenous growth hormones in a human or an animal which comprises administering to such human or animal an effective amount of a compound according to claim 85.

- 71. (Previously Presented) A method for treating diseases or conditions which may be treated by growth hormone which comprises administering to a human or an animal of such treatment an amount of a compound according to claim 85 which is effective in promoting release of said growth hormone.
- 72. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 71 wherein the disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of osteoporosis; catabolic illness; immune deficiency, hip fracture; musculoskeletal impairment in the elderly; growth hormone deficiency in adults or in children; obesity; cachexia and protein loss due to chronic illness and treatment of patients recovering from major surgery, wounds and burns.
- 73. (Previously Presented) A method for increasing the level of growth hormone in a human or an animal which comprises administering to a human or animal a compound according to claim 85 in combination with any one of the following components:

an additional growth hormone secretagogue selected from KP-102(GHRP-2), GHRP-6, Hexarelin and GHRP-1, a growth hormone releasing factor(GRF) selected from IGF-1, IGF-2 and B-HT920, and a growth hormone.

- 74. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of osteoporosis which comprises administering to a patient with osteoporosis a combination of a bisphosphonate compound and a compound according to claim 85.
- 75. (Previously Presented)) A method for the treatment of bone fractures, wounds or burns which comprises administering to a patient with bone fractures, wounds or

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burns a combination of fibroblast growth factor (FGF) or platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) and a compound of claim 85.

76. (Previously Presented) A method to increase the rate and extent of growth of animals, to increase the milk or wool production of animals the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 85.

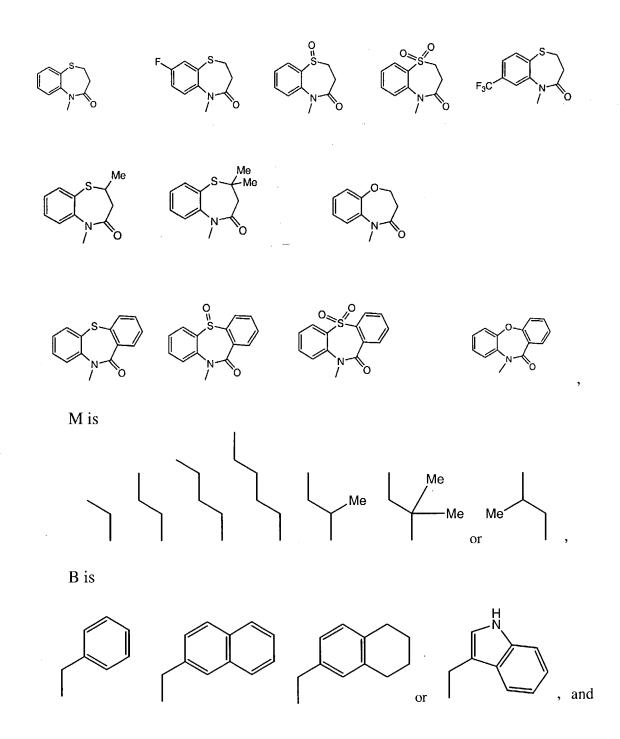
77-84. Canceled

85. (Previously Presented) A compound having the following formula:

wherein

 A_1 is

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